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SUBJECT: RESEARCH CRUISE R/V COLUMBUS ISELIN

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1. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI REPORTS MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES WILL
FORCE ALTERATION OF R/V COLUMBUS ISELIN ITINERARY. VESSEL
PROCEEDING DIRECTLY CURACAO, SHOULD ARRIVE APRIL 4. ANCHOR
WINDLASS INOPERATIVE. VESSEL CANNOT ANCHOR ON STATION,
MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO EFFECTIVELY AND SAFELY SUPPORT TEAM
SCIENTIFIC DIVERS IN WATER. MIAMI NOW TRYING TO LINE UP
NEEDED SPARES AND ARRANGE FOR SHIPMENT TO CURACAO WHERE THEY
WILL ATTEMPT REPAIRS. IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT NOW HOW
MUCH SHIPTIME WILL BE LOST. WILL MEAN CERTAIN DELAY, AND
PROBABLE CANCELLATION OF WORK GOV WATERS. DR. TALYOR'S
WORK WAS TO HAVE CONCLUDED CURACAO, WITH DR. BUNT TAKING
OVER THERE WITH HIS PROGRAM. POSSIBILITY EXISTS SOME TIME
WILL BE TAKEN FROM BUNT'S WORK TO ALLOW TAYLOR TO RECOVER
SOME OF REMAINING PORTION HIS PROGRAM - PARTICULARLY IF
REPAIRS CAN BE MADE QUICKLY. WILL KEEP POST ADVISED; REGRET
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